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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, attached are claims (previously submitted in applicant's Amendment A, Applicant's Preliminary Amendment and as originally filed) that comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121c. A request for a two month extension for the term for response is also submitted effectively extending the term for response from May 24, 2004 to July 24, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

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